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DIGITAL MEDIA REPRODUCTION AND LICENSING

Cross-Reference

[0001] The present application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application No. 13/667,629, filed November 2, 2012, and claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No. 61/555,810, filed November 4, 2011, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Technical Field

[0002] Embodiments relate to licensing digital media for reproduction, and more specifically to a digital media licensing system for licensing and enabling reproduction of digital media on a reproduction device.

Background

[0003] Conventionally, the distribution of media content, such as music, movies, and books for example, is in large part controlled by owners who are the rights-holders of the media content. In conventional systems, the media content is incorporated into a physical media such as a compact disk (CD), a digital video disk (DVD), a printed publication, and/or any other physical media. In such conventional systems, the rights-holders of the media content are able to control licensing of the media content, the production of physical media copies of the media content, and/or the distribution of the media content to customers and/or third party retailers and thereby monetize the media content.

[0004] There has been a dramatic shift in the marketplace away from media content distributed on physical media to digital media content that may be distributed via the internet. Conventionally, rights-holders of digital media content have significantly less

control over the distribution of such digital media content as compared to the distribution of physical media. For example, a party that does not hold rights of the digital media content may reproduce the digital media content and then distribute the digital media content via the internet without the permission of the actual rights-holder of the digital media content. As a result, the actual-rights holder of the digital media content cannot monetize the unauthorized distribution of the digital media content.

[0005] The inability of rights-holders of digital media content to monetize the unauthorized distribution of the digital media content limits the financial gain that rights-holders of the digital media content obtain in creating the original digital media content. Often times such unauthorized distribution of the digital media content prohibits the rights-holders of the digital media from covering the costs of creating the original digital media content which discourages creation of digital media content.

Brief Summary

[0006] Embodiments relate to monetizing the reproduction of digital media content for the rights-holder of the digital media content. In an embodiment, a computer implemented method provides a multimedia hardware device a capability to generate an authorized reproduction of a media content item included in a digital media file. A digital media file that includes a media content item may be loaded for reproduction. The digital media file may be analyzed to identify digital media information associated with the media content item. A license database may be accessed to determine whether a user is licensed to reproduce the media content item based on the digital media information. The media content item may be reproduced when the user is licensed to reproduce the media content

item based on the digital media information. A licensing query may be provided to the user when the user is not licensed to reproduce the media content item to prompt the user to select to acquire a license to reproduce the media content item or to decline the license to reproduce the media content item.

[0007] In another embodiment, a system provides a media content licensing and verification system to license media content for reproduction. A transceiver may receive a media licensing request from an external device associated with a user. The media licensing request may include digital media information associated with a media content item included in a digital media file. A processor may access a media catalog database that includes a plurality of media content records where a media content record from the plurality of media content records is associated with the media content item. The processor may also determine whether the media licensing request is to be granted based on the media content record stored in the media catalog database that is associated with the media content item. The processor may grant the media licensing request for the external device when the media content record associated with the media content item verifies the granting of the license for the media content item to the external device. The processor may also decline the media licensing request for the external device when the media content record associated with the media content item does not verify the granting of the license for the media content item to the external device.

[0008] Further embodiments, features, and advantages, as well as the structure and operation of the various embodiments, are described in detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0009] Embodiments are described with reference to the accompanying drawings. In the drawings, like reference numbers may indicate identical or functionally similar elements.

[0010] FIG. 1 illustrates a digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system, according to an embodiment;

[0011] FIG. 2 illustrates a second digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system, according to an embodiment;

[0012] FIG. 3 illustrates a flowchart illustrating an exemplary aspect of operation for the media content licensing and verification system to analyze a received catalog of media content and manage the catalog of media content, according to an embodiment;

[0013] FIG. 4 illustrates a flowchart illustrating an exemplary aspect of operation for the external multimedia hardware device, according to an embodiment;

[0014] FIG. 5 illustrates a flowchart illustrating an exemplary aspect of operation for the media content licensing and verification system to receive a payment for a license to reproduce a digital media file, according to an embodiment;

[0015] FIG. 6 illustrates a flow chart illustrating an exemplary aspect of operation for the media content licensing and verification system to receive licensing information from a third party media retailer, according to an embodiment; and

[0016] FIG. 7 illustrates a flow chart illustrating an exemplary aspect of operation for the media content licensing and verification system to receive a third-party request for licensing statistics.

Detailed Description

[0017] The digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system provides a capability to ensure that a user possesses a license to reproduce a digital media file and if the user does not have a license, providing to the user the option to obtain such a license. In the Detailed Description herein, references to "one embodiment", "an embodiment", an "example embodiment", etc., indicate that the embodiment described may include a particular feature, structure, or characteristic, by every embodiment may not necessarily include the particular feature, structure, or characteristic. Moreover, such phrases are not necessarily referring to the same embodiment. Further, when a particular feature, structure, or characteristic may be described in connection with an embodiment, it may be submitted that it may be within the knowledge of one skilled in the art to effect such feature, structure, or characteristic in connection with other embodiments whether or not explicitly described.

Overview

[0018] FIG. 1 illustrates a digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system 30 in which embodiments or portions thereof, may be implemented. Digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system 30 includes an external multimedia hardware device 10, a network 12, a media content licensing and

verification system 16, a media content rights-holders system 18, a third party online media retailers system 20, and a hardware device manufacturers system 22.

[0019] System 30 may monetize the reproduction of a media content item included within a digital media file. Reproduction of a media content item may include reproducing sound from a digital audio file, reproducing video from a digital video file, reproducing text from a digital text file, and/or any other reproduction of a digital media file that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0020] Reproduction may be defined as a first use by a user of the media content item. For example, reproduction of the media content item may include when a user first accesses a media content item where the user obtained the media content item from an outside source, such as but not limited to a third party online media distributor. Reproduction may also be defined as further distribution of the media content item by the user after the user has initially accessed the media content item. For example, reproduction of the media content item may include when the user distributes the media content item to other parties after the user has obtained the media content item from the third party online media distributor.

[0021] A digital media file may represent a MPEG Layer 3 (MP3) file, a RealAudio (RA) file, a raw sample (RAW) file, a Microsoft wave (WAV) file, a Windows Media Audio (WMA) file, and/or any other suitable digital media file that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure. The media content item may include any portion of data included in the

digital media file. A user of external multimedia hardware device 10 may reproduce the media content item with external multimedia hardware device 10. Device 10 may represent a smart phone, a smart tablet, a mobile telephone, a television, an audio system, a personal music player, a portable computing device, other computing devices such as a personal computer, a laptop, or a desktop computer, computer peripheral such as a printer, a portable audio/or a video player, and/or any other suitable electronic device that can reproduce a media content item that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0022] However, the user may not have a license that authorizes the user to reproduce the media content item. The digital media file including the media content item may have been procured from various sources that are not licensed to reproduce the media content item and do not collect licensing fees for use of the media content item. As such, when the user loads the digital media file for reproduction, device 10 may analyze the digital media file to determine the media content item included in the file and determine whether the user of device 10 is authorized. For example, the device may analyze a digital music file to identify the song and artist of the media content item that may be a track included in the digital music file. The user may be authorized when the user has a license to load and/or reproduce a media content item included in the digital media file.

[0023] In an embodiment, device 10 may analyze a plurality of identifying characteristics associated with the media content item to identify the media content item and to determine whether the user of device 10 is authorized. The plurality of

identifying characteristics may be an identifying characteristic associated with the media content item inherently present in the media content item such that the media content item is not remastered to include the identifying characteristic after the media content item is initially recorded. The plurality of identifying characteristics can represent a fingerprint, digital watermarking, and/or any other suitable algorithm to identify copyright ownership of the media content item included in the digital media file that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure. In an embodiment, device 10 may analyze metadata included in the loaded digital media file to identify the media content item included in the digital media file.

[0024] System 30 may query a license database locally and/or remotely located to system 30 to determine whether the user of device 10 has the appropriate license for the media content item. Device 10 may refuse to play the digital media file and query the user to determine whether the user wishes to purchase the appropriate license when the user does not have the appropriate license.

[0025] Device 10 may communicate with media content licensing and verification system 16 over network 12 and transmit the fingerprint of the media content item to media content licensing and verification system 16 when the user selects to purchase the appropriate license. Licensing system 16 may identify the media content item based on the received fingerprint. Licensing system 16 may transmit back to device 10 the title and/or other information associated with the identified media content item and request the user to confirm purchase of the license. The user may interface with device 10 to conduct the licensing transaction with licensing system 16, and after

purchasing the license, licensing system 16 may transmit a license to device 10. After receiving the license from licensing system 16, device 10 may commence reproduction of the media content item. Moreover, licensing system 16 may store a record of the transaction for statistical purposes, and/or store a copy of the license in a database under a user record associated with the user of device 10.

[0026] Device 10 and licensing system 16 may provide data associated with the use of the media content item to media content rights-holders system 18 over network 12. Rights-holders system 18 may be accessed by an owner of a copyright for the media content item. For example, device 10 and licensing system 16 may provide data to rights-holders system 18 that includes the user who is accessing the media content item, the geographic location of the user who is accessing the media content item, other media content items that the user may be accessing, the quantity of times the media content item is accessed, and/or any other data associated with the use of the media content item that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0027] The data provided by device 10 and licensing system 16 to rights-holders system 18 for the media content item may be used by the copyright owner to develop future licensing agreements that may be provided to the user of device 10 by licensing system 16 for future use of the media content item. Payments for the license to use the media content item may be received from the user via device 10 and licensing system 16. Payments may also be distributed to the copyright owner via rights-holders system 18.

[0028] Device 10 and licensing system 16 may also provide data associated with the use of the media content item to third party online media retailers system 20. The data provided to retailers system 20 may be similar to the data provided to rights-holders system 18. However, retailers system 20 may be accessed by third party online media retailers who have been selected by the copyright owner of the media content item to distribute the media content item via the Internet.

[0029] The data provided by device 10 and licensing system 16 to retailers system 20 for the media content item may be used by the third party online retailers to develop future pricing for their online media content item distribution including which media content items to distribute in the future. The data provided to retailers system 20 may also be used to help third party online media retailers target the marketing of the media content item to demographics that have shown a trend of interest in the media content item. Payments for the distribution of the media content item by the third party online media retailer may be received from the user via device 10 and licensing system 16. Payments may also be distributed to the third party online media retailer via retailers system 20.

[0030] Device 10 and licensing system 16 may also provide data associated with the use of the media content item to hardware device manufactures system 22. The data provided to manufactures system 22 may be similar to the data provided to rights-holders system 18 and retailer system 20. However, manufactures system 22 may be accessed by hardware device manufacturers who manufacture the hardware that may be implemented in device 10 that provides device 10 with the capabilities to limit reproduction of the media content item to when the user has a license to reproduce

the media content item. Payments for use of the hardware provided by the hardware device manufacturers implemented in device 10 by the user of device 10 may also be distributed to the hardware device manufacturer via manufacturers system 20.

[0031] Device 10 may be configured to connect to network 12. Network 12 may include one or more networks, such as the Internet. In some examples, network 12 may include one or more network technologies such as Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, Gigabit Ethernet, a variant of the IEEE 802.11 standard such as WiFi, and the like. Communication over network 12 takes place using one or more network communication protocols including reliable streaming protocols such as transmission control protocol (TCP). These examples are illustrative and not intended to limit the present disclosure. As shown in FIG. 1, device 10 may engage in communication with network 12 via connection 14, where connection 14 may be a wireless, wired, a secured communication connection, any combination thereof, and/or any other communication connection that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0032] Licensing system 16 may be configured to engage in communication with network 12. As such, device 10 may communicate with licensing system 16 via network 12. Additionally, rights-holders system 18, retailers system 20, and/or manufacturers system 22 may also communicate with licensing system 16 and device 10 via network 12. Licensing system 16, rights-holders system 18, retailers system 20, and/or manufacturers system 22 may engage in communication with network 12 via a communication connection similar to connection 14.

[0033] Device 10, licensing system 16, rights-holders system 18, retailers system 20, and/or manufacturers system 22 may have a cloud computing configuration. Device 10, licensing system 16, rights-holders system 18, retailers system 20, and/or manufacturers system 22 may share resources via network 12. For example, device 10 may retrieve licensing information for the user of device 10 who wishes to reproduce the media content item via network 12. Licensing system 16 may also update rights-holders system 18 with the user information for the user who wishes to reproduce the media content item. Based on the cloud computing configuration, the interaction between device 10, licensing system 16, and rights-holders system 18 may not be limited to a single external multimedia hardware device. A plurality of external multimedia hardware devices may update licensing system 16 and rights-holders system 18 via network 12 with user information of users wishing to reproduce the media content item. Licensing system 16 may provide each of these updates for the user information to any media content rights-holders system that requests the user information.

Digital Media File Licensing and Authorized Reproduction System

[0034] FIG. 2 illustrates a second digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system 95 in which embodiments or portions thereof, may be implemented. Digital media file licensing and authorized reproduction system 95 includes external multimedia hardware device 10, media content licensing and verification system 16, and network 12. External multimedia hardware device 10 includes a processor 40, a transceiver 44, an input/output interface 46, a memory 52, a mass storage 60, a human machine interface (HMI) 48 and a reproduction module 50. Processor 40 may be a hardware based processor that includes a general purpose

microcontroller, a special purpose microcontroller and/or any other controller that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0035] Processor 40 includes a media recognition module 42. Media recognition module 42 may be configured to analyze a loaded digital media file to identify the media content item included in the digital media file and/or determine an identifying characteristic, such as a fingerprint for example, of the media content item. In an embodiment, the media recognition module 40 may include hardware based circuitry configured to analyze a loaded digital media file. In an embodiment, the media recognition module 42 may include program code executing on the processor 40 configured to cause the processor 40 to analyze a loaded digital media file.

[0036] Memory 52 includes a digital media file 58, an application 54, and an operating system (OS) 56. Memory 52 may be accessed by processor 40, such that processor 40 may read data from memory 52 and write data to memory 52. In some embodiments, application 54 and/or OS 56 may include program code including one or more instructions, that when executed by processor 40 cause device 10 to perform the steps necessary to execute steps or elements embodying the various aspects of the disclosure. Furthermore, digital media file 58 may be loaded for reproduction.

[0037] Mass storage 60 includes a license database 62 and digital media file 58. License database 62 includes a license record 64. Mass storage 60 may be utilized in addition to memory 52, or may not be included at all, in which case the data elements illustrated as stored on mass storage 60 would be stored in memory 52. For exemplary

purposes, mass storage 60 includes digital media files 58, illustrating that one or more digital media files 58 may be stored in mass storage 60 of device 10. Moreover, mass storage 60 includes a license database 62, where license database 62 includes one or more license records 64. In an embodiment, license database 62 includes license records 64, where license records 64 indicate a media content item that a user of the device may be licensed to reproduce.

[0038] Media content licensing and verification system 16 includes a transceiver 68, a processor 66, an input/output interface 70, a mass storage 74, a memory 76, and a HMI 72. Memory 76 includes an application 78, an OS 80, a registered user database 86, a digital media catalog database 82, and a licensing statistics database 92. Application 78 and/or the OS 80 may include program code including one or more instructions configured to be executed by processor 66 to cause licensing system 16 to perform steps necessary to perform embodiments of the disclosure.

[0039] Registered user database 86 includes a user record 88. User record 88 includes a license record 90. Digital media catalog database 82 includes a media record 84. Each media record 84 includes data associated with a unique media content item loaded into the licensing system 16. As such, a rights-holder or content creator may load a catalog of media content items that may include but not limited to a song, a movie, a television show, a novel, and/or any other media content item into licensing system 16. Licensing system 16 may analyze each media content item in the catalog, and generate a media record corresponding to each media content item. In some embodiments, each media record may include data indicating various information of the corresponding media content item, including but not limited to the

rights-holder of the media content item, the title of the media content item, the plurality of identifying characteristics, and/or any other information associated with the corresponding media content item that will be apparent to the those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0040] Each user record 88 may be associated with a unique user and indicates all media content items the user has purchased a license for. Each user record 88 may include one or more license records 90, where each license record may include data indicating a media content item that the user is licensed to reproduce.

[0041] Licensing statistics database 92 includes a statistics record 94. Each statistics record 94 may include data indicating a license purchased by a user connecting to licensing system 16. The data may include, for example, whether a user that purchased a license for a particular media content item, how many users refused to license a particular media content item, the rights-holder of the media content item for which the license was purchased, the title of the media content item, demographic information for the user that may include but is not limited to age, gender, location, and/or any other data that may be associated with the user and/or license obtained by the user that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0042] Embodiments of the present disclosure can be implemented on any type of processing (or computing) device having one or more processors. For example, embodiments can be implemented on a workstation, mobile device, computer, cluster of computers, set-top box, or other devices having at least one processor. In

an embodiment, multiple modules may be implemented on the same processing device. Software can include one or more applications and an operating system. Hardware can include, but may not be limited to, a processor, memory, and/or graphical user interface display.

Method 100

[0043] FIG. 3 illustrates a flowchart of an exemplary method 100 of processing a digital media catalog for use in a media content licensing and verification system. At step 102, the media content licensing and verification system receives digital media catalog. At step 104, each media content item of the received catalog may be analyzed.

[0044] At step 106, a plurality of identifying characteristics associated with the media content item may be determined. For example, the fingerprint of the media content item may be determined. Determining a media content fingerprint may include one or more steps for analyzing the digital file including the media content item to determine one or more characteristics that uniquely identify the media content item stored therein. For example, if the media content item were a book stored in a digital text file, the natural media fingerprint may be determined to be a predefined number of words from the beginning of the text file.

[0045] In another exemplary embodiment, the media content item may be a song stored in a digital music file, and the system may determine the natural media fingerprint by analyzing the digital music file to identify lyrics included in the song, notes played in the song, and/or a sampled sound wave included in the song. These characteristics may be considered individually or in various combinations to uniquely identify the song.

Moreover, in many digital media file formats, one or more information fields related to the media content item stored in the file are included in metadata of the file. In an embodiment of the invention, the system may analyze metadata included in the digital media file to identify the media content item stored thereon.

[0046] In step 108, the system generates a media record for each media content item, where the media record includes data indicating the fingerprint, rights-holder information, title, and/or any other media content item data. In step 110, the media record is stored in a digital media catalog database accessible by the system.

[0047] Embodiments can work with software, hardware, and/or operating system implementations other than those described herein. Any software, hardware, and operating system implementations suitable for performing the functions described herein can be used.

Method 120

[0048] FIG. 4 illustrates a flowchart of an exemplary method 120 of verifying that a digital media file has been licensed prior to reproduction and facilitating the purchase of a license if the digital media file has not been properly licensed prior to reproduction. At step 122, a digital media file is loaded for reproduction on the external multimedia hardware device. At step 124, the device analyzes the digital media file.

[0049] At step 126, information associated with the digital media file is determined. Information associated with the digital media file may include a fingerprint associated with the media content item included in the digital media file, the rights-holder of the media

content item, the title of the media content item, and/or any other digital media file information that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure. For example, as described above with respect to FIG. 3, the device may analyze the digital media file to determine one or more characteristics of the media content item stored thereon, where the characteristics may be utilized alone and/or in various combinations to identify the media content item.

[0050] The selected characteristics may be referred to as the natural media fingerprint of the media content item. Advantageously, the natural media fingerprint identifies a media content item, even considering the possibility of different versions of the same media content item. For example, multiple versions of a song are recorded at various times and may be stored as digital music files, such as a live version and a studio version. However, by analyzing the characteristics of a media content item, different versions of the same song may be consistently identified. For example, analyzing characteristics may include analyzing word recognition of lyrics, the occurrence of various frequencies at particular points in time in relation to the occurrence of the lyrics, and/or any other media content item characteristic that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0051] At step 128, the device accesses a license database. At step 130, whether a user of the device has a license for the digital media file may be determined based on the natural media fingerprint and/or other digital media information, such as metadata, included in the digital media file. At step 132, the device initializes

reproduction of the digital media file in response to the determining that the user has the appropriate license.

[0052] At step 134, the device generates a display query asking the user whether the user would like to purchase a license for the digital media file in response to determining that the user does not have the appropriate license. The device generates a display query asking the user whether the user would like to purchase a license for the digital media file.

[0053] At step 136, the device indicates to the user that the digital media file cannot be played in response to the user indicating that the user would not like to purchase a license. At step 137, the device transmits statistics related to the media content item stored on the digital media file to the media content licensing and verification system. The statistics information may include, for example, the determined natural media fingerprint of the media content item stored in the digital media file and/or any other such information related to the media content item, the digital media file, the external multimedia hardware device, and/or the user of the device.

[0054] At step 138, the device initializes a licensing interface in response to the user indicating that the user would like to purchase the license. The device initializes a licensing interface that includes establishing a secure communication connection to a media content licensing and verification system.

[0055] At step 140, the device transmits user identification data to the system, such that the user of the device may be identified to log into a user account associated with

the user, process the licensing transaction, and/or for other such reasons to facilitate purchasing a license for the media content item. The user identification data may include for example, a user name and password, a unique identifier associated with the user, the user's billing information, and/or any other user identification data that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0056] At step 142, the device transmits a licensing request to the system, where the request includes information corresponding to the digital media file and the media content item included in the digital media file, such as the fingerprint of the media content item, the title of the media content item, the rights-holder of the digital media file, and/or other media content item information that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0057] Embodiments can work with software, hardware, and/or operating system implementations other than those described herein. Any software, hardware, and operating system implementations suitable for performing the functions described herein can be used.

Method 160

[0058] FIG. 5 illustrates a flowchart of an exemplary method 160 of processing a license request from an external multimedia hardware device. At step 161, prior to initializing the licensing transaction, the system receives the user identification data and confirms the user's identity. For example, the system logs the device into a secured transaction interface associated with an account of the user.

[0059] At step 162, the system receives a digital media licensing request from an external multimedia hardware device over a network where the licensing request includes data indicating a media content item that a user of the device wishes to acquire a license for. In an embodiment, the licensing request includes a fingerprint of the media content item, information identifying the rights-holder of the media content item, the title of the media content item, and/or other media content item information.

[0060] At step 164, the system accesses a digital media catalog database to identify the media content item indicated by the request. At step 166, the system matches the fingerprint of the media content item included in the license request to a fingerprint in the digital media catalog database to identify the media content item associated with the licensing request, the rights-holder associated with the media content item, the price required for a license for the media content item, and/or any other identification information that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0061] At step 168, the system transmits data to the device indicating that a license is not required for reproduction in response to determining that a record corresponding to the media content item is not in the digital media catalog database. At step 169, the system transmits data to the device such that a user of the device may confirm a transaction to acquire the license associated with the media content item in response to identifying the media content item associated with the licensing request. In an embodiment, the system transmits data indicating the title of the media content item, the rights-holder of the media content item, an artist associated with the media content

item, and/or other media content information such that the device presents this information to the user when asking the user whether to confirm the transaction.

[0062] At step 170, the system transmits data to the device indicating that the license has not been purchased in response to the user declining the licensing transaction, at which point, the device may refuse to reproduce the digital media file for the user. At step 172, the system processes the licensing transaction in response to the user confirming the licensing transaction and the system receiving confirmation data from the device. The processing may include collecting payment information, charging previously known payment information, debiting a user account, and/or any other such payment processing methods.

[0063] At step 174, the system transmits a license associated with the media content item over the communication network to the device in response to processing the licensing transaction. At step 176, the system generates a license record indicating the user and the media content item in response to processing the transaction, the system generates a transaction record including data that identifies the user, the media content item, demographic information about the user, and/or any other license record information that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0064] At step 177, the user has not purchased a license for a media content item, either because the media content item is not identified in the database or because the user refuses to make the purchase. However, a statistics record may be generated. The statistics data may include for example the natural media fingerprint associated

with the media content item, the rights-holder of the media content item, the title of the media content item, and/or any other statistical data. The statistics data generated may be utilized for a variety of purposes, including for example, encouraging non-participating rights-holders from participating in the system by identifying the number of times a license was requested for a media content item owned by the non-participating rights-holder. At step 178, the statistics record is stored in the licensing statistics database, and the license record is stored in the registered user database in a user record associated with the user.

[0065] Embodiments can work with software, hardware, and/or operating system implementations other than those described herein. Any software, hardware, and operating system implementations suitable for performing the functions described herein can be used.

Method 180

[0066] FIG. 6 illustrates a flowchart of an exemplary method 180 of loading licenses for media content items associated with a user from third party sources. At step 182, the system connects to a third party online media retailer. At step 184, licenses purchased from the third party retailers may be uploaded into a registered user database of the system. At step 186, after receiving the user license data, the system updates the registered user database of the system.

[0067] Embodiments can work with software, hardware, and/or operating system implementations other than those described herein. Any software, hardware, and

operating system implementations suitable for performing the functions described herein can be used.

Method 200

[0068] FIG. 7 illustrates a flowchart of an exemplary method 700 of providing statistics associated with licensing transactions performed by the system to a third party over a communication network consistent with embodiments of the invention. At step 202, the system stores one or more transaction records in a connected licensing statistics database.

[0069] At step 204, the system dynamically aggregates the transaction records in relation to one or more fields of information included in each transaction record. For example, the system may aggregate all transaction records stored in the licensing statistics database where the media content item of the transaction record has a desired title, and as such, data and statistics related to how many times a license was purchased for the media content item having the desired title may be retrieved. In an embodiment, similar aggregation may be performed to determine how many licenses were purchased for a particular rights-holder, titles of media content items that users of a particular demographic purchased, and/or other such relevant data and statistics.

[0070] At step 206, the system may receive a statistics request from a third party that may include but not limited to a rights-holder, a hardware manufacturer, a marketing/analytics partner, and/or other such third parties that will be apparent to those skilled in the relevant art(s) without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

[0071] At step 208, the system may generate a statistics report based on the received request. At step 210, the system may transmit the statistics report to the third party over the communication network. As such, in an embodiment a participating rights-holder may quickly retrieve licensing data and statistics for media content items that the rights-holder owns. In another embodiment, a marketing and/or analytics company may receive valuable licensing and statistics data for media content items for particular demographics of users, genres of media content items, and/or other such categories.

[0072] Embodiments can work with software, hardware, and/or operating system implementations, other than those described herein. Any software, hardware, and operating system implementations suitable for performing the functions described herein can be used.

Conclusion

[0073] As such, in general, some embodiments of the invention are directed to a system for recognizing licensed and unlicensed multi-media content by use of a natural media fingerprint recognition and license verification database and system. The system disables the use of unlicensed content and provides a secure method to license unlicensed multimedia content and distribute the licensing revenue to content owners, rights-holders, participating third-party hardware and software manufacturers, and/or other additional third parties. In some embodiments, an external multi-media hardware device includes a hardware or software read/write licensed media database module, operatively connected to a hardware or software natural media fingerprint recognition and license verification module, where the recognition and license

verification module may be operatively connected to a hardware or software data encryption module. Moreover the device may include an operating system and/or application stored on memory associated with the external multi-media hardware device. Where the operating system and/or application may be executed by a processor associated with the device to cause the processor to control one or more of the modules to perform one or more tasks associated with the one or more modules. In addition, media reproduction (e.g., audio and video playback) hardware and/or software module may be monitored and controlled by processor of the device operatively connected to, executing, and/or accessing the content fingerprint recognition and license verification module. Moreover, a physical memory device (e.g., a memory and/or a mass storage device) may be accessible by the processor during execution of the one or more operations of the operating system and/or application residing on a memory associated with the external multi-media hardware device. In some embodiments, the operating system and/or application may cause the processor to drive a peripheral device using an I/O interface to present a user of the device with a graphic user interface.

[0074] Furthermore, the external multimedia hardware device may communicate over a communication network (e.g., an internet connection, a cellular communication network connection, etc.). In some embodiments, the external multimedia hardware device may be connected to a one or more servers functioning as a media content licensing and verification system over the communication network, such as a media content licensing and verification system shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In other embodiments, the external multimedia hardware device may be connected to a personal computer

functioning as a media content licensing and verification system. For example, an external multimedia hardware device may connect to a user's personal computer over a Wi-Fi connection to verify a user has the appropriate license to reproduce a particular media content item, where the personal computer may include a plurality of licensing records associated with the user. In some embodiments, the communication connection between the device and the server may be a secure internet connection. In addition, the media content licensing and verification system may receive multi-media content items (e.g., songs, videos, books, etc.) from participating copyright owners and/or rights-holders through a catalog submissions module operatively connected to the system and executing thereon. The catalog submissions may be loaded into a natural media fingerprint creation module to generate a natural media fingerprint catalog. In addition, the system may be operatively connected to a storage device storing a registered users and licensed media database.

[0075] In addition, the media content licensing and verification system may be operatively connected to and/or execute a secure license verification and payment collection module stored on a connected storage device and/or executing on a computing system connected over the communication network. Such that the the content fingerprint and licenses verification module associated with the external multimedia hardware device may conduct license purchasing transactions by communicating over the communication network with the media licensing and verification system and/or the secure license verification and payment collection module. The secure license verification and payment collection module may be connected through the central computer controlled sub-system server (e.g. a media

content licensing and verification system) and/or through a computing system in communication with the media content licensing and verification system over the communication network.

[0076] As such, the application and/or operating system executing on the external multimedia hardware device may facilitate licensing transactions for various media content items stored in the media content licensing and verification system. Furthermore the media content licensing and verification system may include a payments distribution with real-time statistics module that may execute on the media content licensing and verification system, such that copyright owners, rights-holders, and/or participating hardware manufacturers may receive payments and statistics associated with the licensing of media content items using the media content licensing and verification system.

[0077] In some embodiments, pre-existing licenses may be submitted to the media content licensing and verification system such that the registered users and licensed media master database may be updated to include licenses for registered users purchased from third party sources, such as third party online media retailers. Where the previously purchased license data may be imported into the system over the communication network to the media content licensing and verification system from the third party sources, such as databases maintained by third parties.

[0078] It will therefore be appreciated that the invention may be implemented, for example, using program code implemented on one or more hardware-based computers, one or more processors, and/or one or more integrated circuits (e.g.,

semiconductors). Program code typically comprises one or more instructions that are resident at various times in various memory and storage devices in a computer, and that, when read and executed by one or more processors in a computer, cause that computer to perform the steps necessary to execute steps or elements embodying the various aspects of the invention. Moreover, while the invention has and hereinafter will be described in the context of fully functioning computers and computer systems, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the various embodiments of the invention are capable of being distributed as a program product in a variety of forms, and that the invention applies equally regardless of the particular type of computer readable media used to actually carry out the distribution. Examples of computer readable media include but are not limited to tangible, recordable type media such as volatile and non-volatile memory devices, floppy and other removable disks, hard disk drives, magnetic tape, optical disks (e.g., CD-ROMs, DVDs, etc.) among others.

[0079] Moreover, while the invention has and hereinafter will been described in the context of digital media files resident on a memory, the invention is not so limited. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that embodiments of the invention are capable of facilitating licensing transactions with respect to streaming digital media. For example, a media content item may be streamed to an external multimedia hardware device over a communication network, and a portion of the media content item may be stored in a local memory (e.g., buffered in a cache of a processor associated with the external multimedia hardware device) while a portion may be stored remotely on a memory device accessible by the external multimedia hardware device over a communication network. For example, a media content item may be streamed to an

external multimedia hardware device over a communication network from a cloud based storage system, a digital media streaming service (e.g., Pandora, Last.fm, Spotify, iTunes, iCloud, Netflix, and/or other such services) and embodiments of the invention may analyze the media content item when loaded for reproduction and perform the operations consistent with embodiments of the invention to confirm that a user of the device has the appropriate license for the streaming media content item prior to reproducing the streaming media content item.

[0080] While the invention has been illustrated by a description of the various embodiments and the examples, and while these embodiments have been described in considerable detail, it is not the intention of the applicants to restrict or in any other way limit the scope of the invention to such detail. Additional advantages and modifications will readily appear to those skilled in the art. Thus, the invention in its broader aspects is therefore not limited to the specific details, representative apparatus and method, and illustrative example shown and described. In particular, any of the blocks of the above flowcharts may be deleted, augmented, made to be simultaneous with another, combined, or be otherwise altered in accordance with the principles of the invention. Accordingly, departures may be made from such details without departing from the spirit or scope of applicants' general inventive concept.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer implemented method for providing a multimedia hardware device to generate an authorized reproduction of a media content item included in a digital media file, comprising:

receiving a license request from a user requesting to engage in a license transaction to reproduce a media content item;

evaluating the license transaction to determine whether the user has acquired a license to reproduce the media content item;

after the evaluation of the license transaction, extracting from the license transaction user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner of the media content item to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner;

aggregating the user data into a statistics record for the license request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the license request;

storing in a license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item; and

analyzing a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each license request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a license to reproduce the media content from the licensing system when the licensing request is granted by the licensing system; and

preventing reproduction of the media content item when the licensing request is declined by the licensing system.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

reproducing the media content item based on a plurality of reproduction parameters in the license that is received from the licensing system.

4. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

storing in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

5. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

storing in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user data includes a geographic location of the user who is accessing the media content item.

7. A computer implemented method for providing a media content licensing and verification system to license media content for reproduction, the method comprising:

receiving a media licensing request from an external device associated with a user, wherein the media licensing request includes digital media information associated with the media content item included in a digital media file;

determining whether the media licensing request is to be granted based on a media content record stored in a media catalog database that is associated with the media content item;

after the determination of the media licensing request, extracting from the media licensing request user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user is granted the license and when the user declines the

license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner;

aggregating the user data into a statistics record for the media licensing request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the media licensing request;

storing in a license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item; and

analyzing a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each media licensing request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each media licensing request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

7. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

generating a license record that includes license granting information associated with the license granted to the external device; and

storing the license record in a registered user database that is associated with the user.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the digital media information includes a fingerprint associated with the media content item.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

10. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the user data includes additional media content items that the user has previously accessed.

12. A system for providing a multimedia hardware device to generate an authorized reproduction of a media content item included in a digital media file, comprising:

a processor configured to:

receive a license request from a user requesting to engage in a license transaction to reproduce the media content item;

evaluate the license transaction to determine whether the user has acquired a license to reproduce the media content item;

after the evaluation of the license transaction, extract from the license transaction user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner,

aggregate the user data into a statistics record for the license request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the license request,

store in the license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item, and

analyze a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each license request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright

owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to:

receive a license to reproduce the media content item from the licensing system when the licensing request is granted by the licensing system; and

prevent reproduction of the media content item when the licensing request is declined by the licensing system.

14. The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to reproduce the media content item based on a plurality of reproduction parameters included in the license that is received from the licensing system.

15. The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

16. The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

17. The system of claim 12, wherein the user data includes a quantity of times that the user has previously accessed the media content item and additional media content items.

18. A system for providing a media content licensing and verification system to license media content for reproduction, comprising:

a transceiver configured to receive a media licensing request from an external device associated with a user, wherein the media licensing request includes

digital media information associated with the media content item included in a digital media file; and

a processor configured to:

determine whether the media licensing request is to be granted based on the media content record stored in the media catalog database that is associated with the media content item,

after the determination of the media licensing request, extracting from the media licensing request user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner,

aggregate the user data into a statistics record for the media licensing request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the media licensing request, and

store in a license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item, and

analyze a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each media licensing request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to:

generate a license record that includes license granting information associated with the license granted to the external device; and

store the license record in a registered user database that is associated with the user.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

22. The system of claim 18, wherein the user data includes a geographic location of the user who is accessing the media content item that enables the copyright owner to gauge geographic locations where the media content item is being accessed.

Abstract

Systems and methods for monetizing the reproduction of digital media content for the rights-holders of the digital media content. Embodiments of the present disclosure relate to determining whether a user of a media content item has a license to reproduce the media content item. In one embodiment, the media content item may be reproduced when the user is licensed. The user is prompted to select to acquire a license to reproduce the media content item or to decline the license to reproduce the media content item when the user is not licensed. Further embodiments determine whether a user may receive a license when the user wishes to acquire a license. In an embodiment, the user is declined a license when not approved for the license.

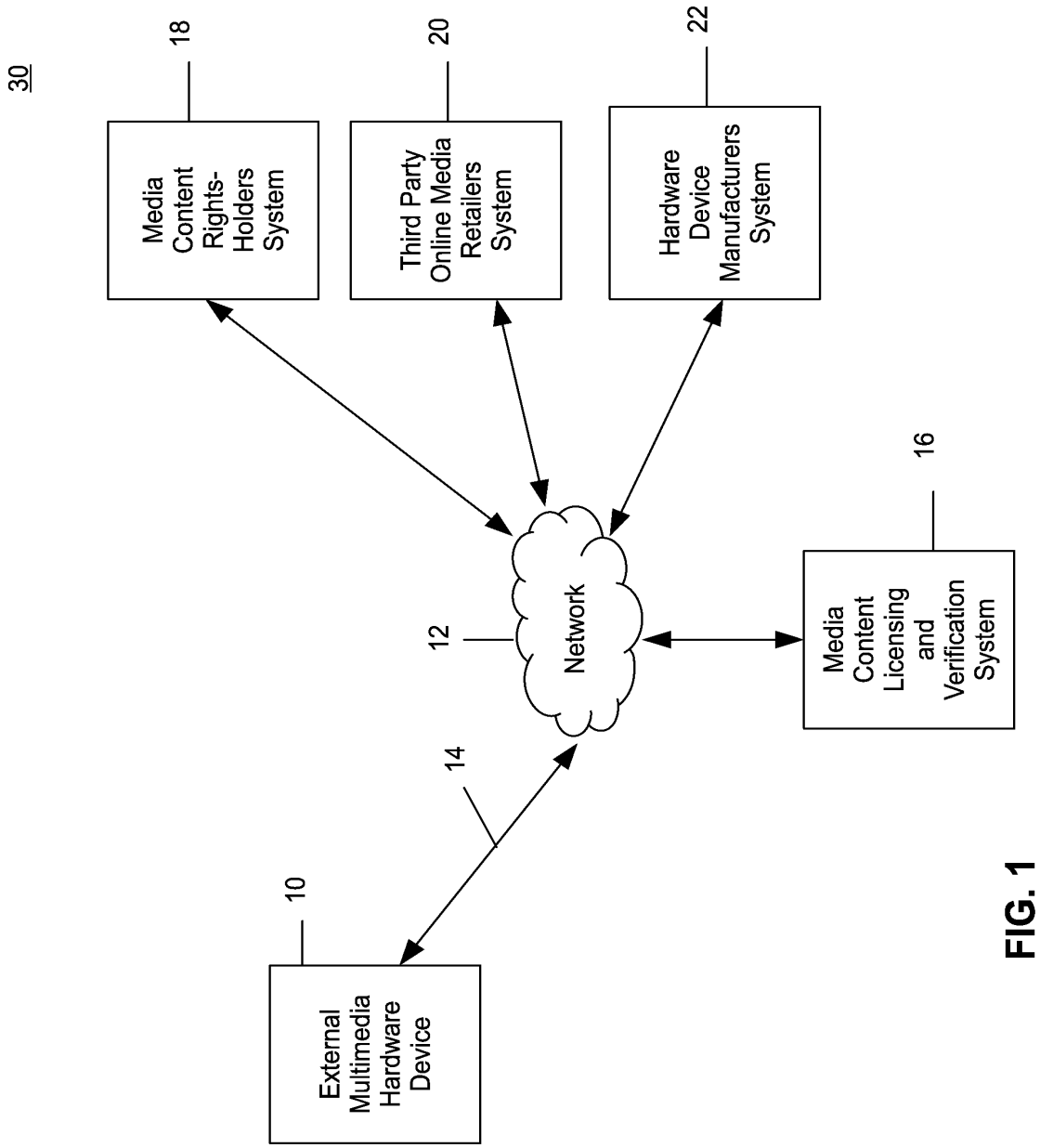

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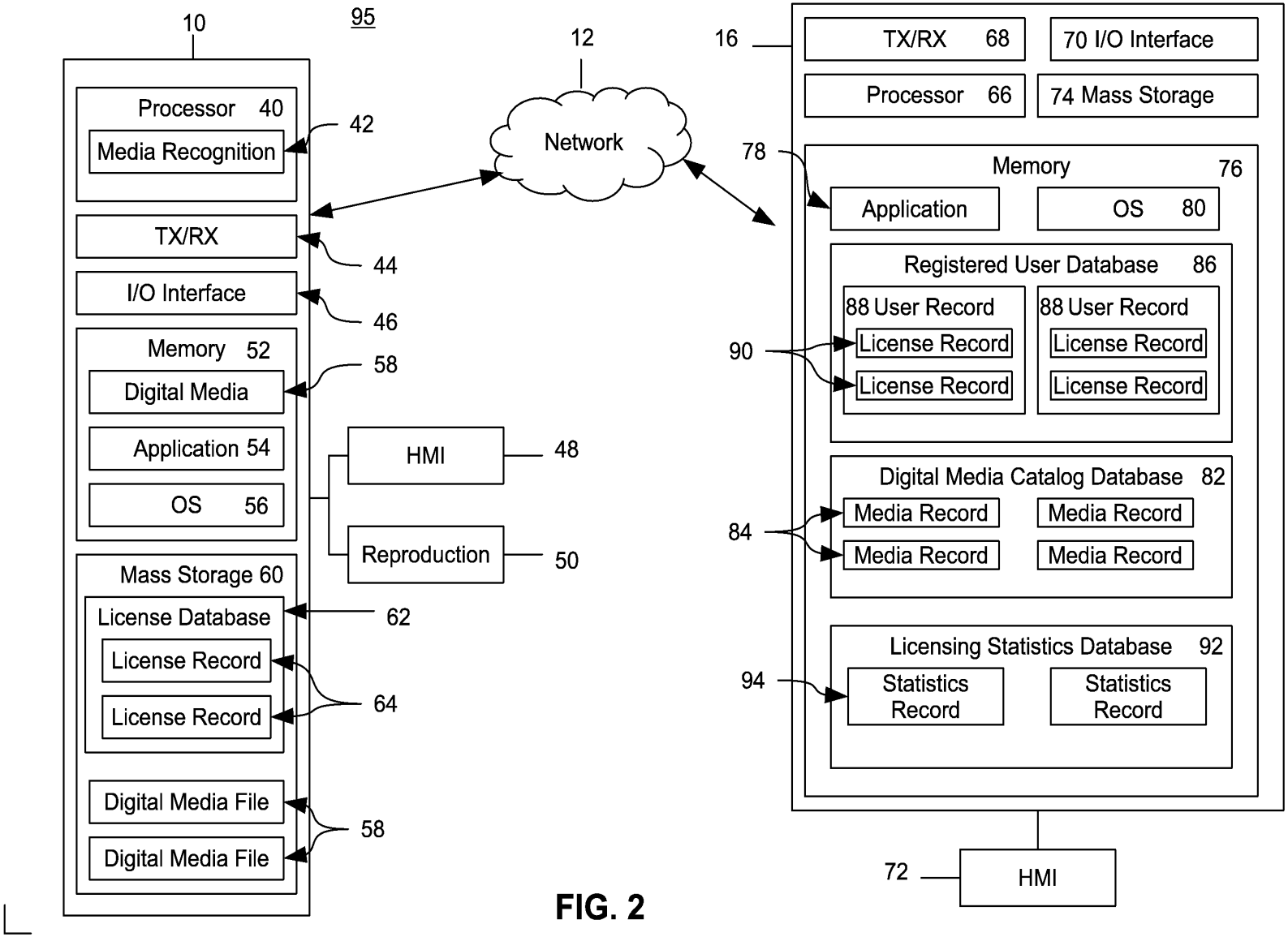

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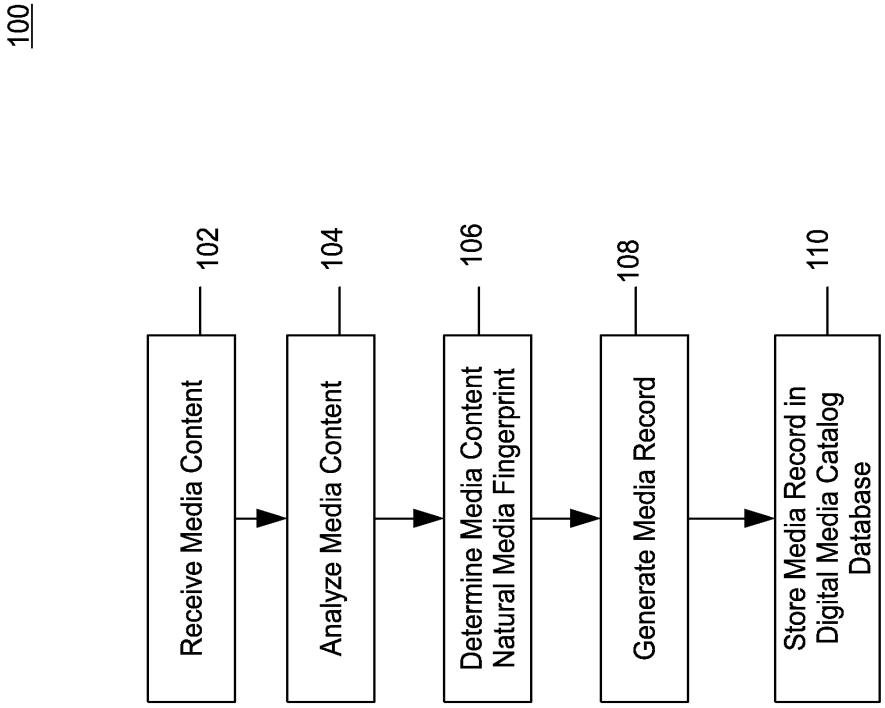

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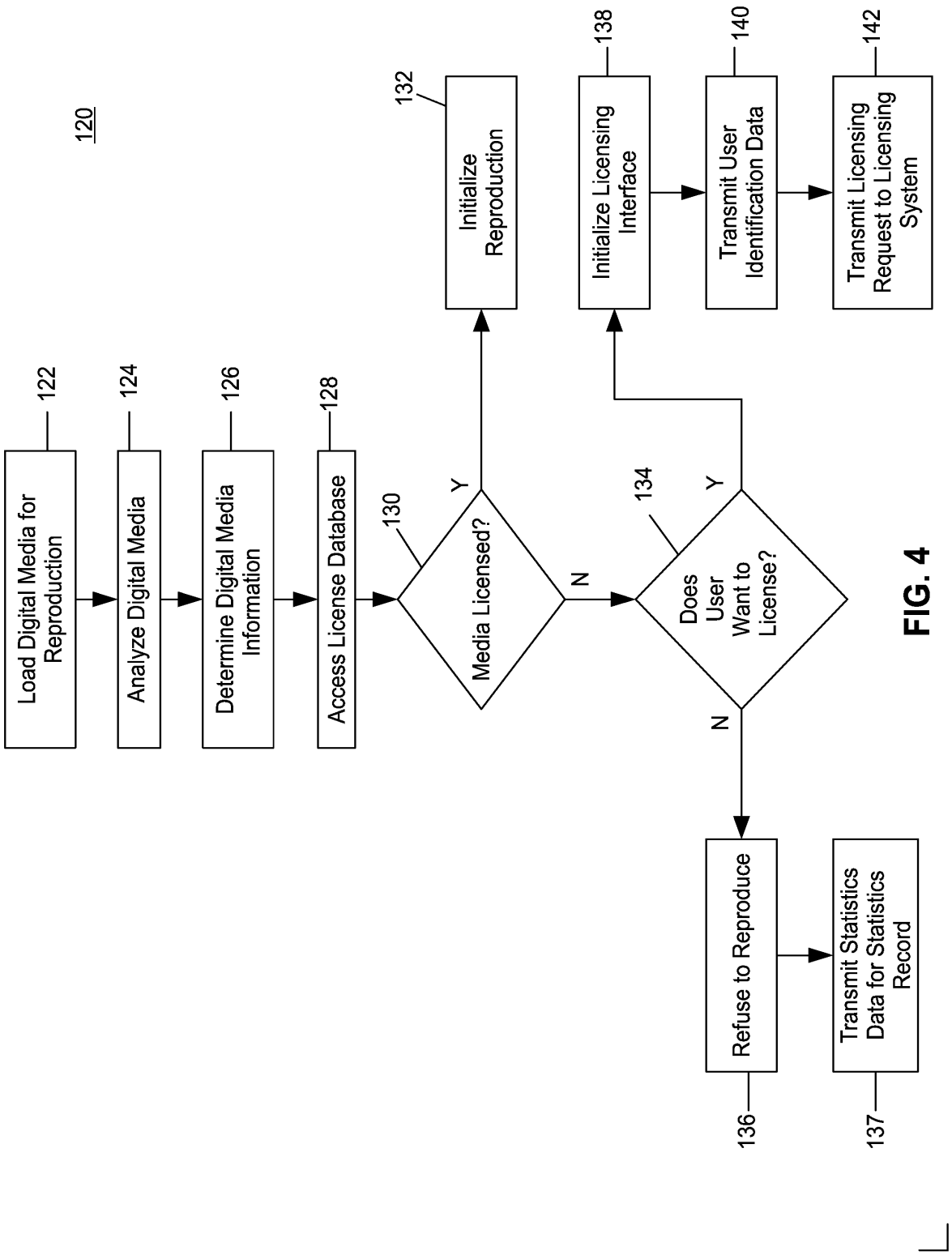

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Analyze Digital Media
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Initialize Licensing Interface
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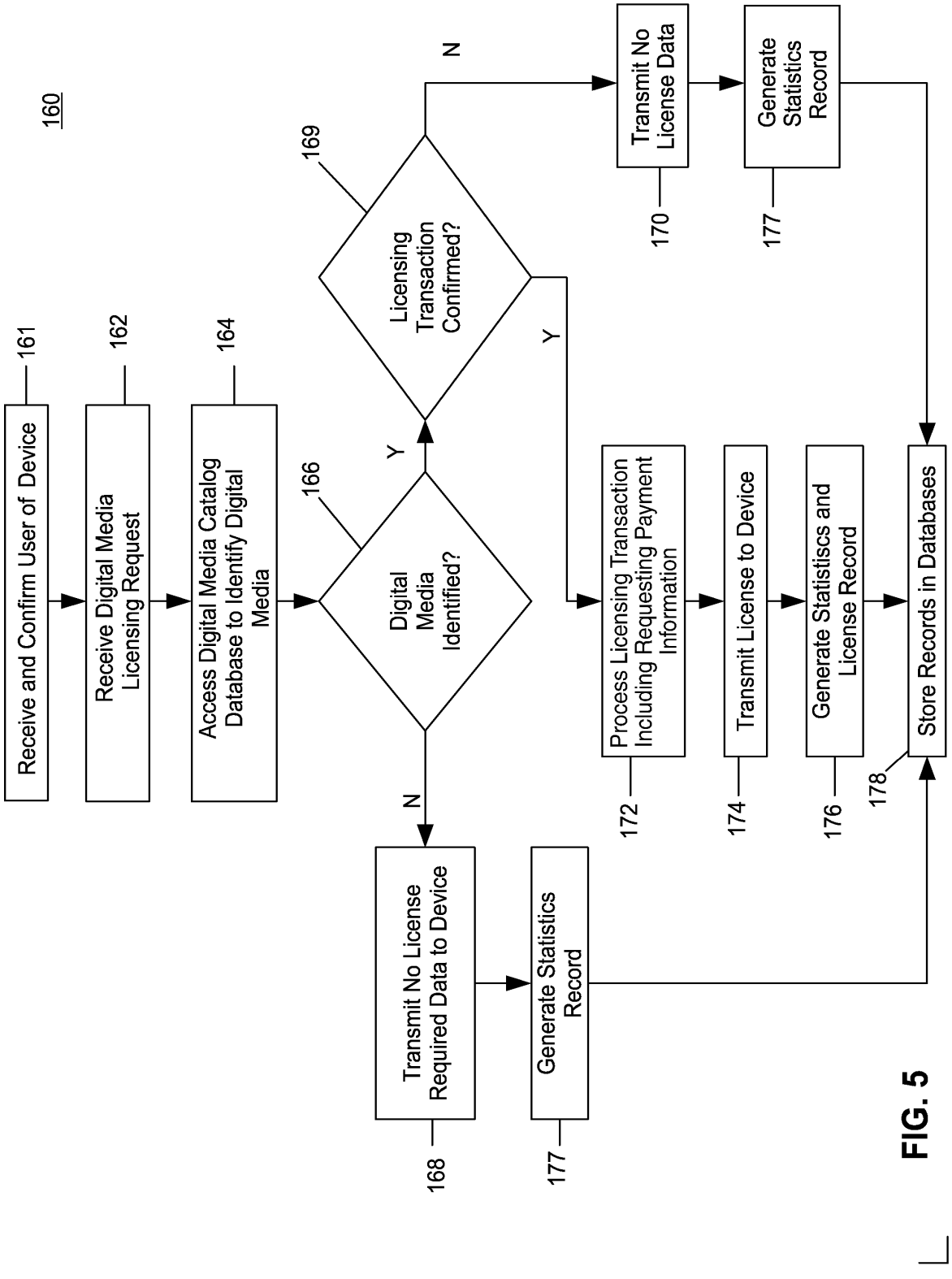

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Receive and Confirm User of Device
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Receive Digital Media Licensing Request
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Access Digital Media Catalog Database to Identify Digital Media
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Digital Media Identified?
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Licensing Transaction Confirmed?
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Process Licensing Transaction Including Requesting Payment Information
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FIG. 5

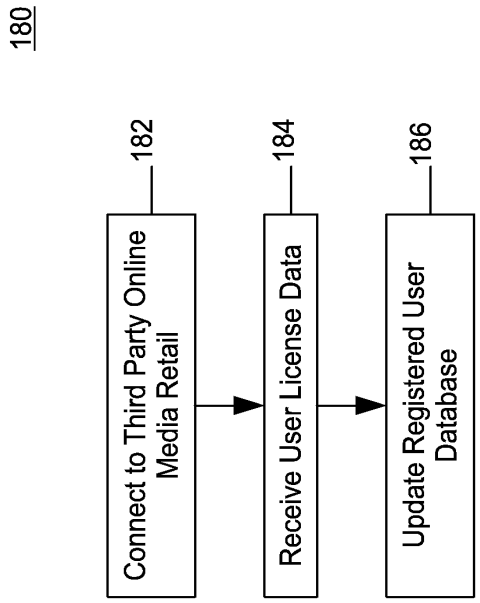

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Connect to Third Party Online Media Retail
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FIG. 6

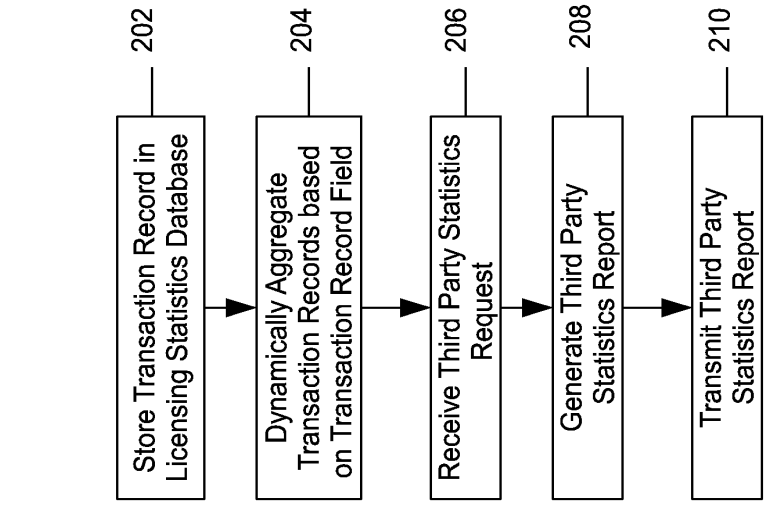

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Store Transaction Record in Licensing Statistics Database
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Dynamically Aggregate Transaction Records based on Transaction Record Field
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Receive Third Party Statistics Request
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Generate Third Party Statistics Report
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Transmit Third Party Statistics Report

FIG. 7

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Attorney Docket Number	BESTES-07USCON	Small Entity Status Claimed	☒
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Subject Matter	Utility		
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	Continuation of	13/667629	2012-11-02	9715581	2017-07-25

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Name	Christopher A. Estes		
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APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I

FOR	(Column 1) NUMBER FILED	(Column 2) NUMBER EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE($)	SMALL ENTITY FEE($)	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE($)	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY FEE($)
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))	N/A	N/A	N/A	70		N/A	
SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(k), (i), or (m))	N/A	N/A	N/A	300		N/A	
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.16(o), (p), or (q))	N/A	N/A	N/A	360		N/A	
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(i))	23 minus 20 =	* 3	x 40 =	120	OR		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	4 minus 3 =	* 1	x 210 =	210			
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is $310 ($155 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).			0.00			
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Application Number	15659175
Filing Date	25-Jul-2017
First Named Inventor	Christopher Estes
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Title of Invention	DIGITAL MEDIA REPRODUCTION AND LICENSING

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
15/659,175	07/25/2017	Christopher A. Estes	BESTES-07USCON	6276

TITLE OF INVENTION: DIGITAL MEDIA REPRODUCTION AND LICENSING

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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	Examiner RICHARD A. MCCOY	Art Unit 2431	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status Yes

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *eTD filed 10/2/2017*.
   ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on_____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-22*. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
   ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

   Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
4. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date *10/2/2017* .
5. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
7. ☐ Other _____.

/MICHAEL R VAUGHAN/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2431	/R.A.M./ Examiner Art Unit 2431

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

No IDS was filed.

Drawings

Drawings filed 7/25/2017 are accepted.

Specification

Specification filed 7/25/2017 is accepted.

Examiners Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with John Davis on 10/2/2017. The amendment is as follows:

12. A system for providing a multimedia hardware device to generate an authorized reproduction of a media content item included in a digital media file, comprising:

a memory coupled to a processor configured to:

receive a license request from a user requesting to engage in a license transaction to reproduce the media content item;

evaluate the license transaction to determine whether the user has acquired a license to reproduce the media content item;

after the evaluation of the license transaction, extract from the license transaction user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner,

aggregate the user data into a statistics record for the license request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the license request,

store in the license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item, and

analyze a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each license request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

18. A system for providing a media content licensing and verification system to license media content for reproduction, comprising:

a transceiver configured to receive a media licensing request from an external device associated with a user, wherein the media licensing request includes digital media information associated with the media content item included in a digital media file; and

a memory coupled to a processor configured to:

determine whether the media licensing request is to be granted based on the media content record stored in the media catalog database that is associated with the media content item,

after the determination of the media licensing request, extracting from the media licensing request user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner,

aggregate the user data into a statistics record for the media licensing request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the media licensing request, and

store in a license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item, and

analyze a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each media licensing request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims **1-22** are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Shintani (US 2012/0123916) discloses capturing marketing/demographic data upon license grant [**0046**]

Block et al (US 2003/0220883) discloses storing a user's answer relating to the acceptance or refusal of a license agreement.

However, none of the prior art discloses the specific combination of limitations claimed including storing demographic data about users that decline a media license in order to inform a marketing analysis in combination with the other limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICHARD A. MCCOY whose telephone number is (313)446-6520. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-6 EST M-F.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cordelia Zecher can be reached on 571-272-7771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/R. A. M./
Examiner, Art Unit 2431

/MICHAEL R VAUGHAN/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2431

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) *RICHARD A. MCCOY*. (3)_____.

(2) *John Davis*. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: *02 October 2017*.

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal [copy given to: ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Issues Discussed ☐101 ☐112 ☐102 ☐103 ☒Others
(For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: *none*.

Identification of prior art discussed: *none*.

Substance of Interview
(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

Examiner called to request an examiner's amendment which was approved and an eTD which was filed.

Applicant recordation instructions: It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of interview.

Examiner recordation instructions: Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

☐ Attachment

/RICHARD A MCCOY/ Examiner, Art Unit 2431	

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S16	10	S8 S11 S14 S15	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:03
S17	4	(US-20120096339-$ or US-20110213721-$ or US-20040039916-$).did. or (US-6920567-$).did.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:25
S18	10122	(G06F21/10 G06F21/105 G06F21/16).cpc.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:29
S19	0	S18 and (licens$3 adj3 (database datastore repository))with (query prompt interface gui dialog) with(fingerprint watermark id identifier serial guid uuid) with (credit pay$4)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:31
S20	0	S18 and (licens$3 adj3 (database datastore repository))with (query prompt interface gui dialog) with (credit pay$4) same(fingerprint watermark id identifier serial guid uuid)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:31
S21	3	S18 and (licens$3 adj3 (database datastore repository))with (query prompt interface gui dialog) same(credit pay$4) same(fingerprint watermark id identifier serial guid uuid)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:31
S22	3	S18 and (licens$3 adj3 (database datastore repository))with (query prompt interface gui dialog) same(credit pay$4) same(fingerprint watermark id identifier serial guid uuid) not S16	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:32
S23	6	(US-20120096339-$ or US-20110213721-$ or US-20040039916-$ or US-20050114265-$).did. or (US-6920567-$ or US-7676437-$).did.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 18:32
S24	13	S16 S22	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 19:24

S25	6	(S16 S22) and S23	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/02/04 19:25
S26	88	(media content movie song video) with copyright adj2 (holder owner) with (online web$5 server) near4 (retail$3 distribut$3)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 18:59
S27	0	(media content movie song video) with copyright adj2 (holder owner) with (online web$5 server) near4 (retail$3 distribut$3) with user adj2 (data information profile) with license adj2 database	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 19:00
S28	0	(media content movie song video) with copyright adj2 (holder owner) with (online web$5 server) near4 (retail$3 distribut$3) with user adj2 (data information profile) same2 license adj2 database	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 19:01
S29	0	(media content movie song video) with copyright adj2 (holder owner) with (online web$5 server) near4 (retail$3 distribut$3) with user adj2 (data information profile) and license adj2 database	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 19:02
S30	0	(media content movie song video) with copyright adj2 (holder owner) with (online web$5 server) near4 (retail$3 distribut$3) with user adj2 (data information profile) and license adj2 (database file store)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 19:02
S31	2	(media content movie song video) with copyright adj2 (holder owner) with (retail$3 distribut$3) with user adj2 (data information profile) and license adj2 (database file store)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 19:03
S32	4	publisher with (copyright near4 (own owner ownership holder)) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 21:35
S33	4	publisher with (licensor (copyright near4 (own owner ownership holder))) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 21:36
S34	177	(artist author licensor (copyright near4 (own owner ownership holder))) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 21:39
S35	173	(artist author licensor (copyright near4 (own owner ownership holder))) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor) not S33	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 21:39
S36	111	(artist author licensor (copyright near4 (own owner ownership holder))) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor) not S33 and publish$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 21:40
S37	173	(artist author licensor (copyright near4	US-PGPUB;	OR	ON	2014/09/08

		(own owner ownership holder))) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor) not S33 with publish$3	USPAT			21:40
S38	17	publish$2 with (artist author licensor (copyright near4 (own owner ownership holder))) with (pick select choose hire pay contract retain) with (retail$2 reseller distributor) not S33	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/08 21:40
S39	16066	apple.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:05
S40	0	license with user adj3 data with itunes with (media music song mp3)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:06
S41	28	license with user adj3 data with (media music song mp3) with server	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:06
S42	0	S39 and S41	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:06
S43	9	license with (media music song mp3) with server with device with manufactur$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:09
S44	0	S41 and S43	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:09
S45	24	iphone with itunes and S39	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2014/09/09 13:56
S46	0	license near4 (validat$3) with (age birthday) with (address location)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 12:54
S47	7	license with (validat$3) with (age birthday) with (address location)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 12:54
S48	7	license with (validat$3) with (age birthday) with (address)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 12:54
S49	5	license with (validat$3) with (age birthday demographic) with (address region country state location geographic) not S48	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:20
S50	10	license adj2 database with (age birthday demographic) with (address region country state location geographic) not S48	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:23
S51	0	(media content video audio song movie) with license adj2 database with (age birthday demographic) with (address region country state location geographic)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:25
S52	4	(media content video audio song movie) with license with database with (age birthday demographic) with (address region country state location geographic)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:26
S53	84	(media content video audio song movie) adj2 license adj2 database	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:27
S54	2973	h04l2463/101.cpc.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:29
S58	2198	g06f21/00.cpc.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:30
S59	11353	g06f21/10.cpc.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:31

S60	943	g06f21/105.cpc.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:31
S61	15263	S54 S58 S59 S60	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:31
S62	0	S61 and (license adj2 database with (age birthday demographic) with (address region country state location geographic))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:31
S63	0	S61 and (license adj2 (database store) with (age birthday demographic) with (address region country state location geographic))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:32
S64	891	S61 and ((license adj2 (database store)))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:32
S65	0	S61 and ((license adj2 (database store)) with "user data" with (market$3 customer sale))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:34
S66	0	((license adj2 (database store)) with "user data" with (market$3 customer sale))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:35
S67	43	((license adj2 (database store)) with (customer user) near4 (data information) with (market$3 customer sale))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:36
S68	1	((license adj2 (database store)) with (customer user) near4 (data information) with ((new additional) adj2 (market$3 customer sale)))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:36
S69	269	(license adj2 (database store)) with (customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:40
S70	62	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database store)) with (customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:41
S71	0	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database store)) with (customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information) with validation	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:41
S72	62	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database store)) with (customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 13:41
S73	345	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database db store)) and ((customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information) with (database db store))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 14:10
S74	102	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database db store)) same ((customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information) with (database	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 14:13

		db store))				
S75	63	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database db store)) and ((customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information) with (database db store) with (address region country state location geographic))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 14:14
S76	63	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database db store)) and ((customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information) with (database db store) with (address region country state location geographic))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 16:00
S77	71	(media content video audio song movie) with (license adj2 (database db store)) and ((customer user demographic market sale usage meta) near4 (data information) with (database db store) with (address region country state location geographic demographic))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/04/23 16:14
S78	1	(US-6920567-$).did.	USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 13:51
S79	1	(US-20130047271-$).did.	US-PGPUB	OR	ON	2015/11/30 13:51
S80	2	(US-20020154157-$ or US-20020032905-$).did.	US-PGPUB	OR	ON	2015/11/30 13:51
S81	4	S78 S79 S80	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 13:51
S82	3	(compil$3 aggregat$3 assembl$4 creat$3) with (record statistics database summary) and S81	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 13:53
S83	23	youtube with analytic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:09
S84	181	(author owner) with content with analytic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:12
S85	0	((author owner) with content with analytic).ti.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:13
S86	2	((author owner) with content with analytic).ab.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:13
S87	3	((author owner) with content with analytic).clm.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:13
S88	5	S86 S87	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:13
S89	0	(author owner) with content with analytic with monotiz$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:14
S90	0	(author owner) with content with analytic same monotiz$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:14
S91	0	(author owner) with content with analytic and monotiz$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:14
S92	0	(author owner) with content with analytic same youtube	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:14
S93	13	(author owner) with content with analytic and youtube	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:14

S94	0	(author owner) with content same analytic and monotiz$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:15
S95	20	(author owner) with content with analytic with (publisher distributor)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:15
S96	49	(author owner) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic) with (publisher distributor)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:21
S97	0	(author owner) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic) with (publisher distributor) same monitiz$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:21
S98	0	(author owner) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic) with (publisher distributor) and monitiz$3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:21
S99	4	(author owner) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic) with (publisher distributor) with demographic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:21
S100	10	(author owner) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic) with (publisher distributor) same3 demographic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:22
S101	6	(author owner) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic) with (publisher distributor) same3 demographic not S99	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:22
S102	0	youtube.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:24
S103	14879	google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:24
S104	274	google.as. and insight	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:24
S105	5	google.as. and insight and metrics and statistics and demographic and analytic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:25
S106	1	(US-8151194-$).did.	USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:29
S107	15	(author owner publisher distributor) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic demographic geographic) with (views downloads) and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:31
S108	0	(author owner publisher distributor) with (video song content) with (statistic analytic demographic geographic) with (views downloads) same monotiz$3 and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:32
S109	0	video with monotiz$3 and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:33
S110	0	video with monotiz$3 and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:33
S111	41	video with syndication and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:55
S112	0	video with syndication with channel and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:55
S113	2	video with syndication and analytics and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:57
S114	0	video with syndication and analytics and demographic and google.as.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:58

S115	0	video with syndication same analytics with demographic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:59
S116	0	video with (monitization syndication) same analytics with demographic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:59
S117	17	video with (monitization syndication) and analytics with demographic	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 16:59
S118	1	(US-6920567-$).did.	USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 17:17
S119	1	(US-20130047271-$).did.	US-PGPUB	OR	ON	2015/11/30 17:17
S120	2	(US-20020154157-$ or US-20020032905-$).did.	US-PGPUB	OR	ON	2015/11/30 17:17
S121	4	S118 S119 S120	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 17:17
S122	3	(compil$3 aggregat$3 assembl$4 creat$3) with (record statistics database summary report) and S121	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2015/11/30 17:17
S123	1	"20030149884".pn.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2016/06/10 14:38
S124	1	"20050060701".pn.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2016/06/10 14:38
S125	32	(US-20120096339-$ or US-20110213721-$ or US-20040039916-$ or US-20050114265-$ or US-20130047271-$ or US-20100324983-$ or US-20110051914-$ or US-20120010931-$ or US-20150040002-$ or US-20120109834-$ or US-20070055439-$ or US-20090210245-$ or US-20140108029-$ or US-20050177844-$ or US-20130051772-$ or US-20080243694-$ or US-20080027742-$ or US-20070241176-$ or US-20060031785-$ or US-20050223415-$ or US-20050004873-$ or US-20020154157-$ or US-20020032905-$ or US-20120124638-$ or US-20120123831-$ or US-20030149884-$).did. or (US-20050060701-$).did. or (US-6920567-$ or US-7676437-$ or US-8745647-$ or US-9148706-$ or US-8151194-$).did.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:24
S126	0	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near3 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3) near3 license) same ((captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4 with data))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:25
S127	18	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near5 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3) near3 license) same ((captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:28
S128	180	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near5 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3) near3 license) same ((collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4)) not3	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:29
S129	5	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near5 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3) near3 license) same ((collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:29

		not S127				
S130	0	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near5 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3 reject$3) near3 license) same ((market$3 demographic) adj data age gender race)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:38
S131	37	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near5 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3 reject$3) near3 license) same ((market$3 demographic) adj data age gender race country state region language origin)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 18:57
S132	0	((accept$3 receiv$3 acquir$3) near5 license) same ((declin$3 refus$3 reject$3) near3 license) same (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country state region language origin) not S131	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:00
S133	0	collect with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country state region language origin) with browse near5 song	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:01
S134	0	collect with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country state region language origin) with brows$3 near5 song	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:01
S135	7	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country state region language origin) with brows$3 near5 song	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:02
S136	10	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country state region language origin) with ((brows$3 near5 song) without adj license)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:03
S137	3	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country state region language origin) with ((brows$3 near5 song) without adj license) not S135	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:03
S138	1	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country region language origin) with ((brows$3 near5 song) without adj license) not S135	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:05
S139	3	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic) adj data) age gender race country region language origin) with ((brows$3 near5 song) without adj license) not S135	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:05
S140	33	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic user) adj data)) with ((brows$3 near5 (movie media song)) without adj license) not S135	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:08

S141	33	(collect$3 captur$3 gather$3 record$3 log$4) with (((market$3 demographic user) adj data)) with ((brows$3 near5 (movie media song)) without adj license)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2017/03/10 19:08
S142	8980	licens$3 with (media content movie song video) with (acquisition acquire receive purchas$3 buy$2 accept$3 request$3)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:27
S143	315	licens$3 with (media content movie song video) with (acquisition acquire receive purchas$3 buy$2 accept$3 request$3) same4 (user with (metrics statistics demographic analytic$2))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:29
S144	19	licens$3 with (media content movie song video) with (acquisition acquire receive purchas$3 buy$2 accept$3 request$3) with (declin$3 refus$3) same4 (user with (metrics statistics demographic analytic$2 data))	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:30
S145	0	(licens$3 with (media content movie song video) with (acquisition acquire receive purchas$3 buy$2 accept$3 request$3) with (declin$3 refus$3) same4 ((demographic user) with (metrics statistics demographic analytic$2 data))) not S144	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:35
S146	19	(licens$3 with (media content movie song video) with (declin$3 refus$3) same4 ((demographic user) with (metrics statistics demographic analytic$2 data))) not S144	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:35
S147	161	user with declines with license	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:43
S148	0	user with declines with license with (demographic marketing) adj data	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:44
S149	0	user with declines with license with (demographic marketing user) adj data	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:44
S150	0	user with declin$3 with license with (demographic marketing user) adj data	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 12:44
S151	2	user with declines with license and ((demographic marketing) adj data)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:31
S152	0	"13073047".ap.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:39
S153	12	"073047".ap.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:39
S154	2	"13073047".apnr.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:39
S155	2	"12970215".apnr.	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:40
S156	4	S154 S155	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:40
S157	0	S151 and (S154 S155)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:42
S158	4	(S154 S155) and license and ((demographic marketing) adj data)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:43
S159	3	declines with license and ((demographic	US-PGPUB;	OR	ON	2017/03/13

		marketing) adj data)	USPAT			14:52
S160	0	declines with license and ((demographic marketing) adj data) not S159	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	ON	2017/03/13 14:52
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corrected ***Notice of Allowability***	**Application No.** 15/659,175	**Applicant(s)** ESTES, CHRISTOPHER A.	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *printer rush received 10/20/2017*.
   ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on_____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-23*. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

DETAILED ACTION

This corrected notice of allowance is required because the claims allowed on 10/12/2017 included two claims designated as claim 7.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with John Davis on 10/23/2017.

The amendment is as follows:

8.~~7.~~ The method of claim 7, further comprising:

generating a license record that includes license granting information associated with the license granted to the external device; and

storing the license record in a registered user database that is associated with the user.

9.~~8.~~ The method of claim 7, wherein the digital media information includes a fingerprint associated with the media content item.

10.~~9.~~ The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

11.~~10.~~ The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device

manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

12.~~11.~~ The method of claim 7, wherein the user data includes additional media content items that the user has previously accessed.

13.~~12.~~ A system for providing a multimedia hardware device to generate an authorized reproduction of a media content item included in a digital media file, comprising:

a processor configured to:

receive a license request from a user requesting to engage in a license transaction to reproduce the media content item;

evaluate the license transaction to determine whether the user has acquired a license to reproduce the media content item;

after the evaluation of the license transaction, extract from the license transaction user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner,

aggregate the user data into a statistics record for the license request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the license request,

store in the license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item, and

analyze a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each license request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

14.~~13.~~ The system of claim 13~~12~~, wherein the processor is further configured to:

receive a license to reproduce the media content item from the licensing system when the licensing request is granted by the licensing system; and

prevent reproduction of the media content item when the licensing request is declined by the licensing system.

15.~~14.~~ The system of claim 13~~12~~, wherein the processor is further configured to reproduce the media content item based on a plurality of reproduction parameters included in the license that is received from the licensing system.

16.~~15.~~ The system of claim 13~~12~~, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

17.~~16.~~ The system of claim 13~~12~~, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

18.~~17.~~ The system of claim 13~~12~~, wherein the user data includes a quantity of times that the user has previously accessed the media content item and additional media content items.

19.~~18.~~ A system for providing a media content licensing and verification system to license media content for reproduction, comprising:

a transceiver configured to receive a media licensing request from an external device associated with a user, wherein the media licensing request includes digital media information associated with the media content item included in a digital media file; and

a processor configured to:

determine whether the media licensing request is to be granted based on the media content record stored in the media catalog database that is associated with the media content item,

after the determination of the media licensing request, extracting from the media licensing request user data that is specific to the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the user data includes demographic data associated with the user that enables a copyright owner to gauge a demographic that acquired the license for the media content item of the copyright owner and a demographic that declined the license for the media content item of the copyright owner,

aggregate the user data into a statistics record for the media licensing request when the user acquires the license and when the user declines the license, wherein the statistics record summarizes the user data associated with the media licensing request, and

store in a license database the statistics record so that the user data is accessible to the copyright owner of the media content item, and

analyze a plurality of statistics records aggregated from each media licensing request for the media content item owned by the copyright owner to provide the copyright owner with the aggregated user data from each license request of the media content item when the license is acquired by the user and when the license is declined by the user.

20.~~19.~~ The system of claim 19~~18~~, wherein the processor is further configured to:

generate a license record that includes license granting information associated with the license granted to the external device; and

store the license record in a registered user database that is associated with the user.

21.~~20.~~ The system of claim 19~~18~~, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a third party online media retailer that has been selected by the copyright owner to distribute the media content item.

22.~~21.~~ The system of claim 21~~20~~, wherein the processor is further configured to store in the license database the user data that is associated with the user that is attempting to reproduce the media content item that is accessible to a hardware device manufacturer that manufacturers hardware that is implemented by the multimedia hardware device.

23.~~22.~~ The system of claim 19~~18~~, wherein the user data includes a geographic location of the user who is accessing the media content item that enables the copyright owner to gauge geographic locations where the media content item is being accessed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 23 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

This communication warrants No Examiner's Reason for Allowance, applicant's reply make evident the reasons for allowance, satisfying the "record as a whole" proviso of the rule 37 CFR 1.104(e). Specifically, this is a corrected notice of allowance directed at correcting the allowed claim set which had two claims designated as claim 7.

Any comments Applicants considers necessary must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and to avoid processing delays, should preferable accompany the Issue Fees. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance". In event of any post-allowance papers (e.g. IDS, 312 amendment, petition, etc.), Applicant is exhorted to mail papers to the Production Control branch in Publications or faxed to post-allowance papers correspondence branch at (703) 308-5864 to expedite issuing process or call PUB's Customer Service if any questions at (703) 305-8497.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RICHARD A. MCCOY whose telephone number is (313)446-6520. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-6 EST M-F.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cordelia Zecher can be reached on 571-272-7771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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(2) *John Davis*. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: *23 October 2017*.

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Examiner called to request a modified claim set to replace the currently allowed claim set which includes two claims designated as claim 7. Applicant provided the modified claim set.

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Continuation of Item 1. This communication is responsive to : an incorrect printer rush response dated 10/31/2017 wherein the claim re-numbering correction was incorrect..

DETAILED ACTION

The purpose of this communications is to correct a previous claim numbering error on the issue classification form.

Conclusion

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TITLE OF INVENTION: Digital Media Reproduction And Licensing

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Media Chain, LLC	Roku, Inc.

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3	10,489,560 B2	11/26/2019	Media Chain, LLC
4	10,515,191 B2	12/24/2019	Media Chain, LLC
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